

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation Number: 7708

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Application No.: 10/759,184

Art Unit: 2185

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Examiner: Yu, Jae Un

Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR WRITING SERVO FRAMES TO AND/OR
VERIFYING DATA AREAS OF A STORAGE MEDIUM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2008, the date for responding being February 5, 2008 along with a Petition for a two-month extension, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 15-26.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for granting the telephone interview on January 5, 2009. In that Interview, the Applicants and the Examiner discussed the prior art and the current rejections. In particular, the Examiner provided a more detailed analysis as to why he considers prior art references that disclose data reading/writing operations as being relevant to writing and verifying of servo frames and certification patterns.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102: Claims 35-37

Applicants' claims 35 and 37 recite, *inter alia*, (1) repositioning the write element to be positioned at least partially over another track on the storage medium, and (2) while the write element is positioned at least partially over said another track on the storage medium, reading at